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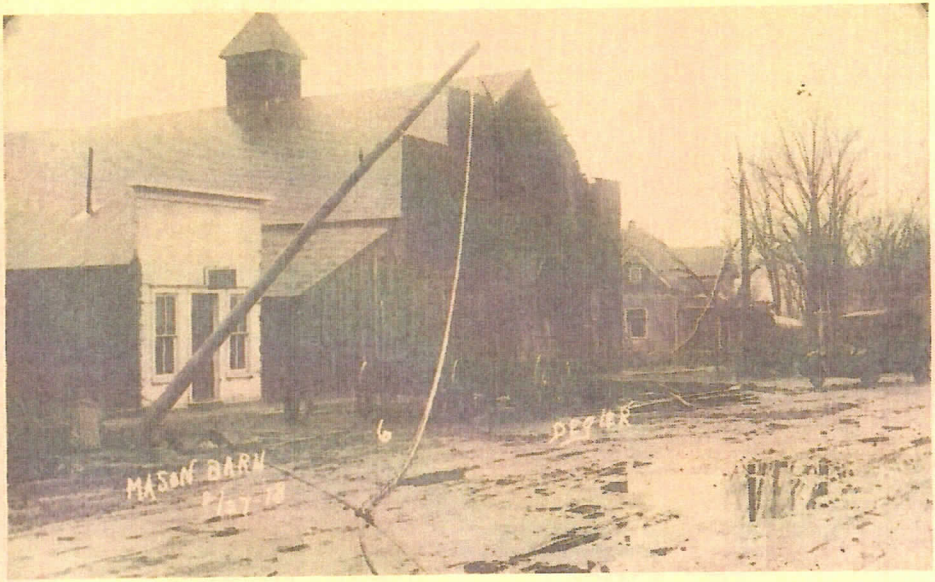

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Editor's Notes — We feel that there was a good response from readers in renewing their subscriptions for 1985.

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In the absence of our President, W. Kenneth Stockebrand, Mrs. Faye Hibbard has been filling in from the Vice-president position. Kenneth and his wife Barbara have been on a prolonged trip to the Northeastern States and some of the Provinces of Canada.

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Our cover picture this issue shows a large livery stable of "Jurd" Mason after a cyclone went through Yates Center the first of February, 1918. This is one of the many pictures that Degler took. This large barn was located on the conner of Main and Washington, where the Mahon Ford Garage was located for several years. The J.C. Schnell residence is across the street to the south.

Jordan Mason was born Oct. 5, 1850, in Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1877 he came to Kansas and secured a half section of new land in Owl Creek township. The next spring he unloaded his belongings at Neosho Falls. After farming a few years he moved to Yates Center where he engaged in the butcher business.

On November 20, 1893, he began the livery business with a stock of six ponies, four sets of old harness, three buggies and a spring wagon. A team and buggy could be rented for $1.50 for the evening.

Mr. Mason was married in Woodson County to Miss Emily Brodman, on Dec. 24, 1882. Their only child was a daughter, Cecil, who became a well-known teacher and educator of this county.

The picture shows some damage to the large livery stable. We were told that at one time there was a windmill on the stable roof, evidently where the cupola shows in the picture. Mason's helper here was Julius Schenecker.

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The month of May was a busy time for some members of the Woodson County Historical Society, working hard to try and have the Museum ready for the opening on Yates Center Day, May 18th. Painters have painted the roofs and around the doors and windows on the Old Jail and the Museum. The old native stone jail is the newest addition of old landmarks acquired by the Woodson County Historical Society.

Jacquie Stephen, the present Curator has spent many hours at that building. Several of the lady members have been assisting her.

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Yates Center Day, May 18, 1985, was as fine a day as one could wish for and a large crowd gathered throughout the day. It was like a three-ring-circus. It was hard to see it all. In fact, there was quite a lot we never saw. There were around 2500 that went through the free barbeque.

On the afternoon of May 18th, the Woodson County Museum was opened for the season of 1985. Cookies and punch was served to sixty people. The Memorial Day weekend also brought quite a few visitors to the Museum.

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The May meeting of the Woodson County Historical Society was held on May 28 with 48 present for the 6:30 dinner meeting.

Dr. Loet and Dr. Beth te Groen formerly of South Africa showed colored slides of South Africa, where they must have spent quite some time. After the slides were shown they gave quite a report of what is causing the trouble in South Africa at the present time.

Our annual Memorial Service was given for the members of the Historical Society that have passed away in the past year. Betty Collins and Phyllis Gustin conducted the Memorial service.

Memorial Services were held for the following members. Edythe Oswald, Dorothy Sterling, Deborah Mathews, Robert Klick, Leland Morris.

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ODDS and ENDS —

YATES CENTER NEWS — R.H. Trueblood, Editor-July 24, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patterson gave a dinner at their home Sunday at which the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. I.J. Camac, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Camac, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Spencer and babies, (twins, Harold and Howard). Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Davidson, Misses Blanche and Kate Camac, Crystal, Kelley and Marcella Davidson.

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August Krueger is busy every day with his automobile. It is a money making proposition with him.

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Edgar Wooten of Belmont Township won first and John Ehlers of Center Township, second prize in the boy's writing contest on the subject of how to manage a 160 acre Woodson County upland farm. The prizes given them are valued at $20 to $25. This contest was gotten up by G.A. Laude, President County Farmers Institute and the papers were graded by Prof. I.C. Gregory and Walter A. Agnew.

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It is now settled that we will have a stock show as noticed in the Breeders Association this week. It will be an object lesson to the people of Woodson County, such as never before been presented — 100 head of choice cattle, all carefully selected, and the same number of hogs — just in nice condition to look at. It will be worth going miles to see.

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There will be five seperate ballots at the primary election, a Republican, Democrate, Prohibition, Socialist, and Independent, or blank ballot. You call for what you want and take your choice of the names thereon. You can skip anyone you do not like on your ballot, but you cannot write thereon a name that is printed on another ballot.

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J.T. Bayer received a draft of $225 the first of the week from W.W. Ives of Shawnee, Okla., for three head of his thoroughbred cattle and ordered them shipped at once.

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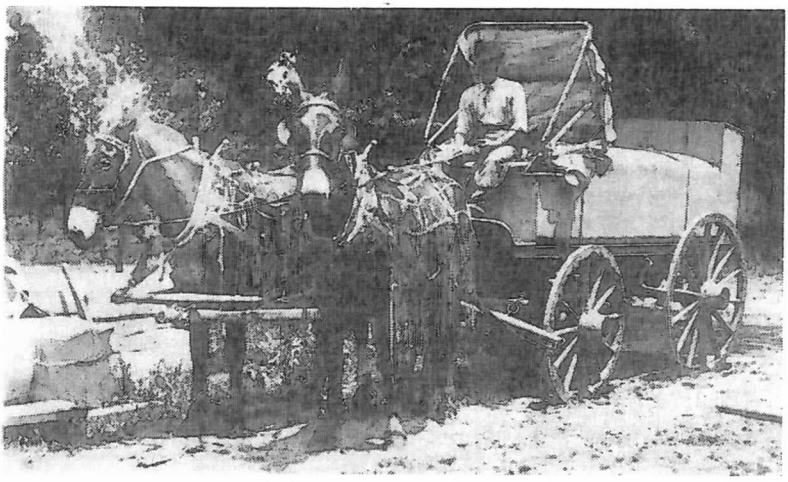
Dave Patterson of Toronto Township, who was attending court here last week as a juror, had his trousers stolen out of his bedroom at Jas. Thoroughman's where he was boarding last Thursday night and relieved of something over a dollar in money.

At Ben Brady's house the same night the screen door was opened and Ben's pants were taken from his bedroom.



Joe Steiner with his fine span of mules hitched to his Kerosene or coal oil wagon. This was back before the 'gasoline wagon' days. The inscription on the side of the wagon reads, 'Sunflower State Oil Co.'. The other word reads 'Opaline'.

Joe had a regular route over the county with this team and wagon.

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Joe Steiner was born in Illinois in 1885. When about 15 he came to Kansas with his parents Mathias and Barbara Steiner. Stopping at LeRoy, the Steiners ran a restaurant and also a dairy.

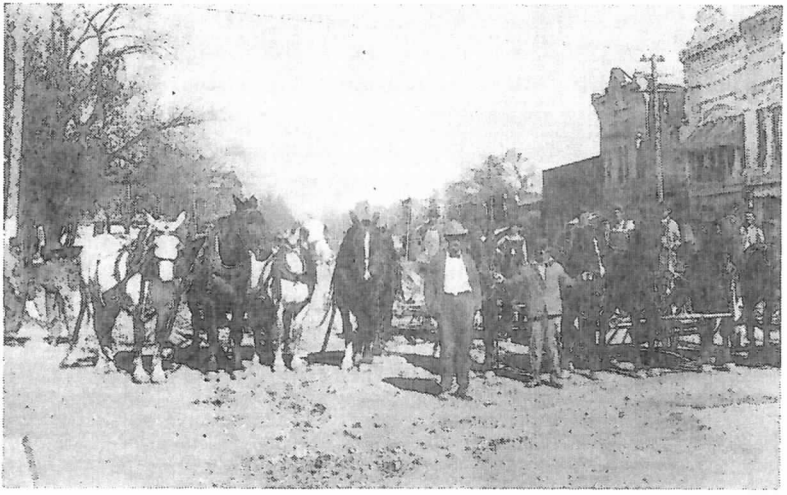
It was in 1906 when the family came to Woodson County. For a while they lived out in the Burt Community. Here Joe Steiner met and married Bessie Williams. Bessie was a daughter of Michael and Florence Randall Williams. Bessie also had a sister Edna Williams. The marriage of Michael and Florence Williams did not last long, when they were divorced.

Joe and Bessie were parents of two girls, both dying as infants. One named Genevive. Their third child was a boy, Leonard, who in later years married Maxine Nokes.

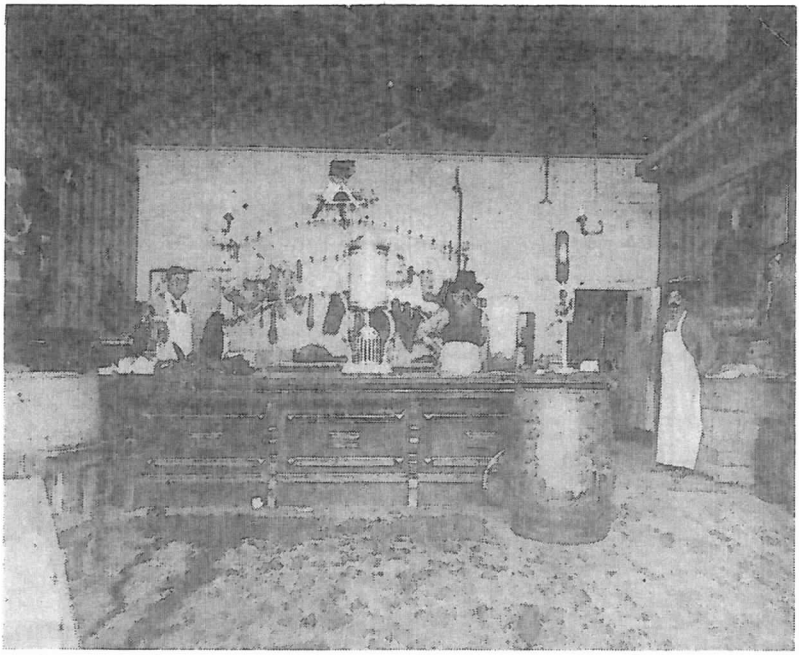
Joe and Bessie moved to Yates Center. Joe was a lover of horses. He owned and operated a transfer and did construction work.

Florence Randall Williams was married to Sam Gordon. They had three children, Alfred, who married Ruth Green. Alice, who married Russell Stockebrand and Lucy who married Herbert Wait.

Joe, Bessie and Leonard Steiner.



Paving east side of the Square, with four-3 horse teams. Man in front was Superintendent of construction. Joe Steiner's head shows just over the blazed face horse, fourth from the right side.



An early day butcher shop on the west side of the square in Yates Center. The man with the long white apron is Frank Shenk, who was the operator of the meat market. The man with the long gray beard and black hat is unknown. The other man at the left of the picture is unknown. Quarters of meat are on both sides of the room with quite an array of meat hooks on the rear wall with different kinds of meat on them. This was an up-to-date shop with gas lights and an overhead fan. This picture was taken around 1910.

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Fred Shenk was born Aug. 8, 1867, at Braidwood, Illinois. His parents were John and Sarah Shenk. He moved to Yates Center in early life. Fred Shenk was married to Miss Anna Marple in 1892. They had one son Donald F. who was known locally as 'Ben', who married Ruth Price.

Fred Shenk was in business around the square in Yates Center running a butcher shop, a bakery and restaurant. For many years Fred was a leader of the Yates Center Band, and helped in some of the larger bands.

Fred Shrenk had three brothers who were with him in some of his businesses. Lester, John and Walter.

THE FREDERICK W. WEIDE FAMILY —

Frederick W. Weide, better known as "Whisker Fritz" was born in Cook County Illinois, near Chicago, in 1855. His parents, Godfrey and Charlotte Weide had come from Germany. When Fred W. was three years old the Weide family, Godfrey and Charlotte, their two older children, Charles and Minnie came to Kansas, stopping first in Coffey County where some of Godfreys relatives lived around Aliceville.

They spent the winter there. Coming with them from Cook County, Ill., was a young man, John Light. During the winter of 1858-59, Godfrey and Light came up Turkey Creek, looking for a place to make their home in this county. Godfrey was looking for a place where he could raise sheep as he had always wanted to. The claim he picked out already had a log cabin built on it and the one who built it had given up and left the country.

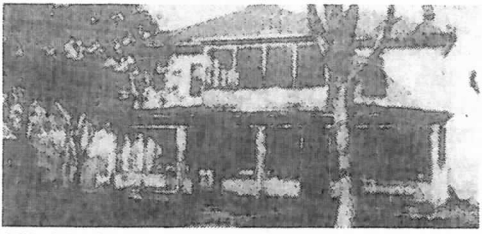
Fred W. grew up along Turkey Creek, working on the Weide homestead and herding sheep. His entire life was spent in a very small area here.

On November 2, 1879, Frederick W. was married to Miss Anna Buendter. She with her father, Charles Buendter over on West Owl Creek where they came in 1878. Fred W. was 23 and Anna was 20 when they were married by the Rev. Edward J. Troyer. They moved into a small frame house on the west side of the road just to the north of where the Turkey Creek Church was later built. Fred W. came into possession of this 160 acres in 1880. Turkey Creek ran east and west the full length of the quarter section.

Godfrey Weide had purchased the 160 acres from Bonham Fox who had built his log cabin on the other side of the creek on the north side not far from where John Light had his log cabin.

The Fred W. Weide family prospered with their cattle, hogs and sheep. The farm grew to 520 acres. The small house grew to one of eight rooms and two or three screened in porches.

The family were great workers in the Turkey Creek Church of the Evangelical Association. For years the preacher for this church lived in Yates Center. There was one room in the large house that was always referred to as the 'preachers room'.



The old Weide house, still standing, but unoccupied.

Frederick W. and Anna Weide were the parents of eight children. 1-Lilly, who died as a small girl. The other children were:

2-Mary, who died in 1916. She was married to John Neufeld. They were the parents of two children, Fred, who married Florence Cook. Fred was killed in an oil field accident near Hominy, Okla. Their children were Keith and Verna Jean. Luella was born April 1, 1907. She was married to Gail Edwards. Their children were: Robert E., MaryAnn, Donald R. and Katherine.

3-Clara was born Nov. 12, 1887. She was married Sept. 1, 1910, to Lucas M. Nanninga. Their children were Juanita Marie who married June 4, 1934 to Wilbur Harr and Catheryn Carolyne, who married Rev. W. Daeschner. A son, Tjaart Reinhardt.

4-Eda was born in 1889. On June 18, 1911, she was married to Rev. Albert Butler. They were the parents of three children, Milton Eugene who died as a small boy, born May 17, 1913 and died June 24, 1924, age 11 years. Anna Juanita who married . . . Drake and Velma who married . . . Hansen. Rev. Albert Butler had previously been married to Hattie Weide, who was a cousin to Eda. Albert and Hattie had two living children, Thelma and Lillian. Thelma married George Stolte. Lillian married Gardner Morely. Hattie had died of typhoid fever just a short time after Elma, twin of Thelma died.

5-Louis G. Weide was married to Marie Nanninga June 12, 1912. Their children were, Gwendolyn Marie, Lloyd Frederick and Louis Gerald. Louis G. Weide was also a minister in the Evangelical Association.

6-Walter Ernest was born April 16, 1892. He was married to Ethel Mae Harding October 7, 1917. They were the parents of seven children. Marjorie Belle, born June 19, 1919. She was married to Richard Browning. Their children were Donald

Wayne, born Nov. 11, 1939 and Sheri Kay born Dec. 22, 1941. Marjorie was again married August 14, 1948 to Bernard M. Satterwhite. They were divorced in 1956. They had two children, Pamela Sue, born January 1, 1950 and Bernard M. Jr., born August 9, 1951.

Francis Elaine Weide, born February 22, 1925. She married Ralph E. Lake, April 11, 1945. They had three sons, Eric Robert, Martin Cole and Douglas Kurt Lake.

Mayona Marie Weide was born August 15, 1926. She was married December 9, 1945. They have two children, Stanley Kurt, born March 22, 1947 and Sheila Marie. — Milton Eugene Weide was born Nov. 4, 1931, was married to Shirley Ann Boyce, October 19, 1952. They have five children: Ronald D., Patricia Ann, Randall R., Thomas G. and Walter Lee. — Barbara Joan was born January 27, 1941, and was the only one of this family not born in the large house on Turkey Creek. She was married to Gary W. Bennett. Their children are: David R., Debra Renee, Charles A., and Gary W., Jr. A baby girl died at birth June 30, 1921.

Elvin G. Weide, oldest son of Walter and Mae Weide was born March 4, 1923. After graduating from the Yates Center High School he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, October 20th, 1942, as a member of the ground crew. Later he was transferred to the position of arial gunner, and was assigned to a bomber crew. He left the United States for foreign service September 25, 1943. Returning to the home base after a bombing flight over Greece, he along with the crew were killed when their plane crashed into a mountain on the island of Sicily. His remains were later brought to the U.S. and he was buried in the Military Cemetery at Fort Scott.

Staff Sgt. Elvin G. Weide

7-Juanita Elizabeth Weide was born on the Weide homestead. She was married to Simon P. Nanninga on April 10, 1917. They were the parents of two children, Robert Si, born Feb. 28, 1947 and Juanita Eileen.

8-Sarah was also born on the old Homestead. She was married to Maynard Agnew. They had children. A son was killed when his plane crashed. After the death of Maynard, Sarah was married to Dan Macintyre.

This picture was taken August, 1977, at the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Mae and Walter Weide. Standing left to right are Barbara Weide Bennett, Milton Weide, Mayona Weide Stoll, Frances Weide Lake, Marjorie Weide Satterwhite.

Watershed Continued —

Buckner and his oxen were for hire to move houses. There had been two houses moved into the new townsite, both belonging to Wille's. The third house to be moved was that of H.T. Chellis. However, Mrs. Chellis had other ideas. She was to give birth to a baby daughter and they had to postpone moving their house. The house of Wm. Kay was next in line to move. Mr. Kay promised Buckner a bottle of whiskey as a bonus above the regular moving price if he would move his house at once. Buckner lashed the house to the logs he was using to move it. This was a two story house, although not so very large. The black man then wanted Kay to give him the bonus in advance, but Kay refused knowing that the house might not get moved for several days if Buckner went on a bender before the house was moved. So the house was moved to what is now the 200 block of South State Street, before the black man received his bonus.

We would like to go back to the Askren and tell of the largest bridge across the stream. The west bank here is more of a cliff, and drops quite a distance to the water. It became necessary to replace the old wooden bridge, and it was decided to build a cement arch. This was in 1913, the North Township board hired George Harding to do the building. One of the township board suggested that the bridge only needed to be about eight feet wide as that was plenty for a team and wagon to go through. However it was made 10 feet wide. The top of the arch was around 16 feet from the waters edge, and 12 feet across.

A young engineer just out of college looked at the arch as it was being built and remarked that the whole thing would fall in when the forms were taken out. Now over 65 years later the arch bridge is still being used.

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A small, quiet stream crosses US-75, about seven miles north of Yates Center, and winds its way to the northwest emptying into Turkey Creek. This small stream bears the name of Bloody Run. As we mentioned there are two streams called Bloody Run that have their headwaters in this county. We call this one No. 1, as it is all in Woodson County.

The story of how it got its name dates back when Woodson County was very young — to when the first settlers were coming in here, building their log cabins and breaking the native sod. Duck Creek empties into the west side of Turkey Creek about a quarter mile down the creek from where Bloody Run enters on the east side of the same creek. On a high bank along the east side a short distance from where Bloody Run

enters the creek, was quite a prominent Indian Camp. It was illegal to sell or trade liquor to the Indians, but a couple of men from around LeRoy or Neosho Falls found a profit in dealing with these Indians. They would deliver it to a certain appointed place a short distance from the camp.

On one occasion, which turned out to be the last for these two liquor-runners, they were to meet two Indians at a point along the little creek. For some reason these two men could not or did not bring the liquor on this occasion, but made the appointment just the same. When the men did deliver the whiskey as promised an argument developed between the Indians and the white men. The argument led to a fight that finally envolved all four men, that developed into a hand to hand bloody fight.

The story was told that the fight ended only when all four men were dead or dying. Just who found them is not known, but presumably some of the Indian tribe. It was also told that all four fighters were buried along the east bank of the small stream near the scene of the fight, thus giving the stream its name.

The scene of this alleged fight was eight miles north, and a half mile west and then possibly some north of Yates Center, in Liberty Township.

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We have told some about the Neosho River as it crosses the northeast corner of the county, but will tell about some of the streams that drain into it around Neosho Falls.

About seven miles west of Neosho Falls, a stream has its headwaters in around three sections before going across the county line into Coffey Co. This is called Duck Creek and we refer to it as Number 2. After going into Coffey Co., it heads to the northeast and to the Neosho River. As this stream comes to the Woodson-Coffey Co. line it makes a sharp bend and at one time 'pools of water' stood in it. Sometime in the summer of 1859, a party of government surveyors, with Simeon H. Calhoun in charge were surveying the section lines in the north part of Woodson County. In his notes for a particular day Calhoun mentioned the 'pools of water'. He also mentioned the 'house' of James Keesecker, who lived on the Woodson side near the 'pools of water'. The house was one chain and a half south of the county line. We surmise that this 'house' was a dugout along this stream near those pools of water that were evidently the outcropping of a spring. Calhoun called this stream a 'drain'. "Drain bears N.15 degrees E." After the drain goes into Coffey Co., it goes northeast to the Neosho.

According to the 1860 census, Keesecker was 63 years old and was a native of Virginia. His taxable personal property that year was valued at $150. He had no claim to the land. The census also records that Keesecker could neither read nor write and that he was deaf. Just why a person handicapped as he was would settle that far on the prairie as most homes were along larger streams for 'wood and water'. Keesecker evidently came in 1858 and left in 1861 as another man homesteaded this particular acreage in June 1861.

About a mile east of this Duck Creek is one of the Rock Creek's. It is a small stream that gathers water from a couple of sections in Woodson County before crossing the county line. This stream makes its way northeast to the Neosho. After a rain it mostly spread out over the lowlands. In later years when heavy equipment was available farmers made drainage ditches, mostly rather parallel with the river, going to the southeast. Most of the water from this stream now follows these ditches as it makes a turn coming back into Woodson Co., and then East to the Neosho.

About four miles south of Neosho Falls is another Rock Creek. It is about five miles in length before it crosses over into Allen Co., and empties into the Neosho. Much of the land along this stream has much limestone in it.

About a mile south of Neosho Falls a stream comes from the Southwest. In 1865 a road was surveyed and marked out from Ottawa, through Neosho Falls and on Southwest to the town of Belmont. On a map of this road survey this first stream south of Neosho Falls is called Badger Creek.

Across the river directly north of Neosho Falls is Circle Lake. There is no doubt that this is an old river bed, but the river had left the circle before the first settlers came here. When N.S. Goss and Isaac Dow were first exploring the site for a dam and mill across the Neosho River in this locality they tied their horse and buggy to a tree and started to look the river over. After making quite a walk they came right back to the spot there the horse was tied. Thus the name Circle Lake. In an old County Commissioners report it was referred to as Circle Creek.

Around three or four miles to the northwest of Neosho Falls, was at one time a very swampy land. A stream coming into it from the North was called Lost Creek as it disappeared when it came to this swampy land. An early settler named Spogey lived in that vicinity. In order to try and drain the water from his land he plowed a ditch with an ox team and breaking plow, going southeast from his land in Coffey County to the Woodson Co.

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Picture of the interior of the Freight Depot located in Yates Center taken about 1900. The men left to right were Ted Augustine, (Brother of Ruth Augustine) and Bert Campbell, Agent. This old freight depot was located about where the Woodson CO-OP now is.

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ODDS AND ENDS

MARRIED — At the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. W.C. Butler, 2500 Norton Ave., Kansas City, Mo., June 5, 1912. Mr. Wm. A. Peters and Miss Lottie Easley, both of Buffalo, Kans., Rev. E.W. Petticord of Evangelical officiating. Their home will be at Buffalo for the present.

The Kannarr Families —

Casper Henry Kannarr was born in New York State, June 19, 1945. He was of German descent. In early life he moved to Indiana where he later joined the Union Army and served a period of years.

On returning home he was united in marriage with Miss Sabra Millicent Vindage, Feb. 10, 1865. Soon after he reinlisted in the army and served until the end of the Civil War.

Like many other veterans of that War the plains of Kansas had a great calling for him and the Neosho Valley became his home for many years.

Eight children were born to them, four of whom died in early life and his only son grew to manhood and died at an early age, that we will tell about later.

Casper Henry lost his first wife and again married. This time to Sarah Phelps, April 20, 1900. He lived most of his later life near LeRoy and Neosho Falls where he died at his home in Neosho Falls, April 24, 1926. Besides his wife were three daughters surviving him, Martha Rogers, Mary E. Hall and Baden Vernon.

The Casper Henry Kannarr Family, L. to R. seated are: Casper H., Etta Baden and Sabra Millicent. Standing are: Mary Catherine, Charles Casper and Martha Ellen.

The family of Charles Casper Kanarr. Picture taken at their farm home four miles west of Neosho Falls. Left to right in picture are sons: Loyd, Raymond and Frank, daughter, Della, Charles C., a niece Etta Baden, Wife Seena, holding daughter Peggie, and the grandfather, Casper Henry.

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Charles Casper Kannarr was born in Coffey County between Neosho Falls and LeRoy, on August 23, 1869. He was the only son of Casper Henry and wife Sabra Millicent Kannarr. As a young man he made several moves to other states, but always coming back to the Neosho Valley. On October 3, 1894, Charles C. was married to Seena A. Scenith Allertine Srorm.

Their first children were boys all being born on a farm two miles north and 2½ miles west from Neosho Falls, on the Coffey Co. side. These three boys were Raymond Earl, born August 11, 1895; Melvin Delloyd (Loyd) born May 25, 1898; Charles Franklin, born Sept. 20, 1900.

The Kannarr's then moved to a farm 3¾ miles west of Neosho Falls. Here five daughters were born, Amy Violet, 1904; Della Maria, born Oct. 18, 1906; Millie Helen, born Feb. 3, 1910; Etta Alice, born March 17, 1913; Seena born Jan. 17, 1917.

After an illness of about six years he passed away on May 10, 1919 at the age of 49 years and nine months.

THE LLOYD KANNARR FAMILY —

He was given the name of Melvin Delloyd at birth but evidently shortened it to Lloyd. He was born on a farm on the Coffey side of the Coffey-Woodson County line, about four miles northwest of Neosho Falls on May 25, 1896.

On Feb. 15, 1922 he was married to Miss Viola Melissa Pinkerton at Yates Center. They lived on several farms mostly to the west of Neosho Falls. They were the parents of three children, Harley, Martha Patience and Ruby Mae.

In 1946, they moved to a farm north of LaHarpe in Allen County. In 1973 he retired from farming and moved to Moran.

Picture of the Lloyd Kannarr Family. Standing are Lloyd, and wife Viola Mellissa. Seated are Ruby Mae, Harley and Martha.

Martha married ... Wright, they had three sons, James, Robert and Steve.

Harley married Lula Amos. They have three sons: John, Richard and Paul.

Ruby married Mark Beach. Their children were twin boys and a daughter Janelle.

Lloyd Kannarr died February 21, 1976. His widow Mellissa in later years moved to Iola where she married Mr. Harris.

The story and pictures for this article were given to us by Harley Kannarr, who lives in Wichita and has taken In The Beginning since its beginning.

THE TJAART REINHARDT NANNINGA FAMILY —

While this family did not live long in Woodson County, we thought their story would be of interest to many of our readers.

Tjaart R. Nanninga was born at Ostfriesland, Germany, Nov. 1849. On February 18, 1865, T.R. as we will refer to him was married to Katherina Sofia Buss, who was also a native of Steckhausen, Germany.

They came to America in 1870 and to Marion County Kansas, where they settled on a homestead near Leonardville. In 1879 he was converted and became a member of the Evangelical Church and was licensed as a minister of the gospel by the Kansas Conference in 1883. He was stationed on the following fields as pastor: Emporia, Clinton, Leonardville, Yates Center, Eudora, Preston, Platte River, Halstead, Swede Creek, and Americus.

T.R. died at Emporia on March 22, 1921, his wife Katherina died Nov. 26, 1925. They are both buried in the church cemetery at Leonardville, Kansas.

Rev. Tjaart R. and Katherina Nanninga were the parents of nine children. Rev. and Mrs. Nanninga lived in Yates Center, where he preached at Yates Center and the Woodson Mission, that was composed of the Turkey Creek and the Cedar Creek Evangelical Churches. They lived here during the years of 1888, 1889, and 1890. Then later during the years of 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904.

The nine children of Rev. and Mrs. Nanninga were, Lucas Marcus, born Aug. 16, 1884 at Clarksdale, Mo., he died Jan. 14, 1844 at Oklahoma City. He was married in Yates Center, September 1, 1910 to Miss Clara Augusta Weide, who was born Nov. 12, 1887. They had two daughters, Juanita Marie, born July 26, 1911. She was married June 4, 1934 to Rev. Wilbur Harr. Kathryn Carolyn born April 18, 1913 and married to William E. Daeschner, on June 4, 1936. A son Tjaart Reinhardt, Oct. 10, 1915. Married Ruth Mary Wilson.

(2) Carrie Annette, born Sept. 1, 1886. Married Ed. Henry Dahm.

(3) Marie. Born, Sept. 23, at Yates Center. Married Louis G. Weide, June 12, 1912. Louis was born at Turkey Creek. Their children were: Gwendolyn Marie, Lloyd Frederich, born Nov. 11, 1916. Married Marjorie Wright and Louis Gerald Weide.

(4) Simon Peter was born at Yates Center, Jan. 21, 1891. He was married to Juanita Elizabeth Weide on April 10, 1917. They had two children, Robert Si, born Feb. 28, 1947 and Juanita Aileen.

(5) and (6) Kathryn and Tjaart R. were twins, being born March 26, 1893.

During World War II, Tjaart R. Nanninga was a Sergeant in the old Co. L, that was organized at Yates Center.

(7) Elizabeth Nanninga was born Nov. 2, 1894. She was married to Karl Kaiser.

(8) Ann was born Aug. 23, 1897, married Vestor T. Trusler.

(9) Dr. Jon Benjiman, born, Nov. 14, 1898. Married Wilhelmina Schwarz.

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Lucas M. Nanninga was licensed to preach at the 44th Session of the Evangelical Association of the Kansas Conference held at Holton, Kansas in 1908. He was sent out as an Evangelist. He had some throat trouble and was forced to give up on his preaching. During this time he came with his family to live at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Weide at their home near the Turkey Creek Church. Lucas finished out the term of Rev. Alfred Nansen, who resigned at the Turkey and Cedar Creek Churches and went to Chicago.

Going back to the Nanninga and Weide families we find that two brothers and a sister in the T.R. Nanninga family married two sisters and a brother of the Fred W. Weide family.

The Fred W. Weide family lived a short distance north of the Turkey Creek Church on the west side of the road, and the entire family were leading pillars of that church.

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YATES CENTER FIRST BANK ROBBED —

This article was written by H.E. Hassenpflug, of Arnett, OK, to the Yates Center News on Nov. 1931.

"He was the hero of the day - that is Grandpa Hefflefinger - I believe that it was in the fall of 1879-80, robbers had held up the Follet Bank, had gotten in their buggy and headed west in a sweeping run. The town was in an uproar, everybody trying to get a gun, but nobody going after the robbers. Grandpa Hefflefinger jumped on his horse, one of the best horses in the county and yelled to the crowd, "come on boys and lets get them," and rode off without a gun or anything but his big cowboy hat in hand. After he had started sometime the "braver" began to leave the streets. As Grandpa gained on the robbers they waved at him to go back, but he was deaf to their threats and blind to their motions, and in the midst of their flying balls from their guns he rode along beside their team and with his big hat he crowded the team out of the road. In their effort to hold the team in the road one of their lines broke; the team was crowded out of the road on a piece of open prairie just west of town, the land was too rough and rocky for fast driving, the robbers had emptied their guns at Grandpa, and by the time the sheriff and his mob got there Grandpa had them captured with his bare hands and bare headed. While there was several holes shot through his clothes and his big hat not a drop of blood on his person. It was amusing to hear some of the fellows tell how they captured the robbers. I don't suppose they had left the corner of the square yet, but "we sure brought them in".

DEFIANCE TOWN COMPANY —

Michael Reedy, President - David Reynolds, Secretary. Southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 25, Range 16. Purchased from Thomas D. and Mary B. Head, November 25, 1873, for $1180.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH — Organized in Neosho Falls, about 1878. Leaders were Mary E. Dow and John A. Ennis. "Sunday School meets every Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock at the school house. All are invited to attend." (Woodson Co. Post, Jan. 25, 1878.)

NEGRO CHURCH — Neosho Falls, KS.

Names of families attending were: Herold, Beardon, Qualls, Landrum, Alexander, Barry, Banks, and Daniels.

(A.M.E. Church - Neosho Falls Post, October 17, 1884.) Services in Clark's Hall the third Sabboth of each month. — A.H. Daily, Pastor.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH — Neosho Falls, Ks.

Organized April 20, 1871, by Rev. John Scotford, who became the pastor for the next four years. Trustees at that time were J. S. Waterbury, James Crane, D. W. Finney, John Scotford and W.W.P. McConnell.

Membership went from 13 in 1871 to 35 in 1882. A fine brick building standing in the heart of the city was erected in 1882 at a cost of $2,500. In 1883, the Sunday School attendance was 75; J. Henning was the Superintendent.

In October, 1884, services were held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Evening services as announced from time to time. Sabbath School every Sunday; T. J. Norris, Pastor.

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OTIS LYNN, the Vernon mail carrier started out on his motorcycle Thursday and it balked on him when he reached George Guy's blacksmith shop. George took him the rest of the route and back to Vernon in his auto. This was an Indian Motorcycle.

THE GEORGE TROUT FAMILY —

George W. Trout was a native of Lasalle Counrt, Ill., where he was born, Jan. 27, 1850. His parents were John and Abbie Susan (Angel) Trout. They came to Kansas in 1876, obtained land where they lived south of Neosho Falls.

George was the oldest of five brothers, and came to Kansas with his parents when he was 26 years old. He rented a farm of Major Snow along the Neosho River. He purchased 160 acres on the prairie, but did not have the money to improve it. He had obtained the land from the Katy Railroad, getting the Patent on the S. E. quarter of Sec. 13, Twp. 24, Range 16.

After being in Kansas a year, George Trout returned to Illinois, where he married Miss Eliza Skinner, March 26, 1877. Coming back to Kansas they started their married life on their farm, three miles south and two miles west of Neosho Falls.

Their children were, Alice, Harvey, Clara, Wiley, John, Ray, Glenn, Edith and Urvin.

Alice married Walter Dersham. They lived in Neosho Falls area.

Harvey was a veteran of World War I. He never married.

Clara died of Typhoid fever at the age of 17.

Wiley was also a veteran of World War I. He married Alberta Harber.

Ray is one of the two of the children still living.

Glenn died at the age of 13, as the result of a fall.

Edith married John Scheibmeir. They were the parents of nine children. We told the story of this family in the April 1984 issue,Vol. 17-No. 66.

John married Bessie Stevens. They lived about a mile south of Neosho Falls where he operated a large apple orchard for years.

Urvin went to Kansas City as a young man.

At this writing Ray and Edith are the only ones of the family living.

In the picture on opposite page is the George Trout family. Standing from the left are, the Mother Eliza, George W., holding the youngest Urvin; Clara, Harvey and Alice. Seated are Edith age 4; Glenn, Ray, John and Wiley.

This picture was taken around 1900.

WOODSON COUNTY TEACHER'S MEETING.
Methodist Episcopal Church, Yates Center, Kansas

February 7, 1920, Saturday, 10:30 a. m.

Teachers' Association Officers

President ..... Pearl W. Winterscheid
Vice President ..... Elizebeth E. Harper
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Lois Carter
Elizabeth Spencer, County Superintendent

Cafeteria Luncheon — Christian Church Basement.

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MAIN AUDITORIUM, 10:30 a. m.

Community Singing, led by Esther Swart, Supervisor of Music, Yates Center Schools.

Rural School Section; Lois Carter, New York Valley, Pres.

Report on Teacher's Association at Wichita, November 8, 9. Martha B. Myers, North Maple Grove.

Community Life in Rural Districts ..... Sibyl Sager, Oak Grove.

Dramatization and Art in Rural Schools ..... Bessie Walker, Defiance.

Grade School Section, Elizebeth E. Harper, Yates Center,Presiding.

Ways of securing interest and good orders in the Grades. Delphine Lynn, Neosho Falls.

Importance of Dramatization in the Lower Grades ..... Ruth Augustine, Yates Center.

Hints on and Value of Supplementary English in Graded Schools.....Effie Atkins, Toronto.

"Curfew Shall not Ring Tonight"..... Maudie Gillette, Grade 6, Lincoln School.

"Initiation".....Virgie Mills, Grade 6, Lincoln School.

High School Section, Supt. Roy Green, Neosho Falls, Presiding.

Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. in High Schools.....Supt Geo. L. Atkeson, Yates Center Schools.

Importance of Literary Club Work in Schools ..... Rev. R. E. Gordon, Neosho Falls.

Recreation out side of School Hours ..... Supt. Bertha Harris, Toronto.

Cateteria Luncheon.....Christian Church.

PATRONS OF WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

Milton & Virginia Schornick
Kenneth & Barbara Stockebrand
John V. Glades Agency
Street Abstract Co., Inc.
State Exchange Bank
Self Service Grocery
Steiner's Sundries
Piqua Farmer's Co-op
Morton Equipment Co.
Swope & Son Implement Co.
Superior Bldg. & Supply, Inc.
The Herring Families
Cantrell Hay Co.,
Craig Cantrell
Artex Manufacturing Co.
J. C. & Helene Schnell
Wilma Mark
Yates Center News
Gambles Hardware &
Home Furnishings
Pringle Ranch -
J. Richard Pringle
Atkin Rexall Pharmacy
Campbell Funeral Home
Glen & Zola Baker
Piqua State Bank
Laurence M. &
Alice Catherin Smith
Lynn and Gail Cantrell
Gaulding Oil Co.
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ward
Clyde Hill
Kimbell Ranch-Ed. Kimbell
Hi-Way Food Basket
Atkin Clinic
Blackjack Cattle Co. Inc.
Ken Kimbell
Jaspers Shopping Spot
Daly Western Supply
Linde Barber Shop
Campbell Plmg. & Electric
Ted Spencer-Gen. Agent
Woodson Co. Farm Bureau
Jaynes Insurance Agency
Glenn Shaw
C.L. "Matty" & Luriel Mathews
Milton & Marcella Wrampe
Loren & Rita Cantrell
Al's Jewelry
Edwin G. Reid, St. Louis, MO
Rex Butler, Nashville, TN
Thomas Wilson
Bill Herman
Abbott & Ethel Crandall